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In re application of:
John Paul Sari et al.

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Serial No. 10/643,833

: Group Art Unit: 3753

Filed: August 19, 2003

: Examiner: not yet assigned

For: Portable Drum Dosing System

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

MAIL STOP PETITIONS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The inventors' undersigned attorney has been unable, despite diligent efforts, to obtain a signed declaration from joint inventor John Paul Sari. Accordingly, the other inventor files this Petition, on behalf of himself and Mr. Sari, to proceed with the subject application without Mr. Sari. The pertinent facts regarding efforts to obtain a signed declaration are summarized below.

1. On August 20, 2002, Rohm and Haas Company filed the subject application as a provisional application; the USPTO assigned it serial no. 60/404,560. On August 21, 2002, Rebecca Knauth, Administrative Assistant for the Rohm and Haas Company Law Department, sent a copy of the provisional application to Mr. Sari at his Rohm and Haas Company office, which was located at his home address (as shown in paragraph 7).

2. On September 18, 2002, Ms. Knauth sent to Mr. Sari at his home address a declaration and an assignment to be filed with the corresponding non-provisional application, which was intended to be identical to the provisional application, together with instructions for executing and returning these documents and a pre-paid FedEx mailer.

3. On March 26, 2003, since Ms. Knauth had not received signed documents from Mr. Sari, she sent him an e-mail message asking whether he had sent the signed documents. He replied that he had not received them, and then when Ms. Knauth informed him that she had sent them, he replied that he thought he was supposed to "discard the original papers as there was some sort of change that needed to be made" and wait for new ones. Ms. Knauth told him she would send the documents again, which she did on March 27, again with instructions and a pre-paid mailer

4. Mr. Sari's employment with Rohm and Haas Company terminated on June 7, 2003.

5. Ms. Knauth still had not received signed documents from Mr. Sari on June 17, 2003, whereupon she called him at his home telephone and left a message asking him to call her regarding the documents. On June 18, she sent the documents to him at his home address once again with instructions and a pre-paid mailer.

6. Rohm and Haas Company filed the subject application as a non-provisional application on August 19, 2003.

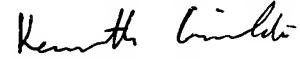
7. Despite numerous requests made to Mr. Sari, both by mail and by telephone, as summarized above, Rohm and Haas Company still has not received a signed declaration from Mr. Sari, and has concluded that he refuses to sign. To the best of our knowledge, his current address is as follows:

John P. Sari
8 Hillside Lane
Berlin, NJ 08009

Applicants respectfully request that this Petition be granted to allow prosecution of the subject application without the declaration of Mr. Sari, and

submit herewith the required petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Respectfully submitted,



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